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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H. *JEF*
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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN 2008-2011

I am pleased to share with you a copy the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's (DPH) Strategic Plan. This document will guide our department's efforts from 2008 to 2011.

The Plan encompasses DPH's broad range of work, including traditional public health functions such as communicable disease control, and functions that have emerged in importance such as emergency preparedness and chronic disease prevention. The plan focuses on underlying determinants of health and well-being, addressing aspects of the physical and social environment that contribute to poor health.

The Strategic Plan includes an overview of the Los Angeles County region, a summary of the health status of our residents, and a description of programs within DPH. Also included in the Plan is a section entitled, "Today in the Department of Public Health." This section highlights some of the important functions DPH programs do on a day-to-day basis.

You can also download a copy of the Strategic Plan from our website, www.lapublichealth.org. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Wendy Schiffer in the Office of Planning at (213) 637-8483 or wschiffer@ph.lacounty.gov.

As we embark on the implementation of this Plan, we look forward to working with you and other community stakeholders. Working together, we can realize our vision of *healthy people in healthy communities*.

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Enclosure

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